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Eagle Scout Awards recipients at the Court of Honor of Troop 89 were Michael Bodurtha and Timothy Bassett. Left to right are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bodurtha, their son Michael, Det. Robert Meffen of the Springfield Police Department who presented the awards, Timothy Bassett, and his parents Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bassett.

Bodurtha, Bassett Receive Eagle Awards

Michael Bodurtha and Tim Bassett received Eagle Awards at the Court of Honor of Troop 89 held in Agawam Baptist Church on Saturday evening.

The Court of Honor banquet was held in Bodurtha Hall of the church. Approximately 115 people attended.

Michael Bodurtha is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bodurtha of Harvey Johnson Dr. Tim is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bassett of Suffield St.

Both of the boys had an Eagle project during the past year. Mike's project was collecting books and

magazines for the Veteran's Hospital in Holyoke. Tim collected and repaired toys and games for the Shriner's Children's Hospital in Springfield. The boys have each received over 20 merit badges in their scouting careers.

Mike was also the recipient of the "Ad Altare Dei", an award given by the Catholic Church.

Troop 89 is sponsored by the Agawam Lions Club.

Special guests who attended included Robert Meffen, camping committee chairman; Louis Mandish, president of Agawam Lions Club; Richard Gingras, Sr., toastmaster; George Andrews, institutional representative; Clark Greenough, scoutmaster; Jack Bodurtha, district commissioner; and, Rev. and Mrs. Donald Morris. He is the minister of the church where the event was held.

Bradley Bassett received the Star Award at the banquet.

Second Class Award recipients were Craig Greenough, Don Perrell, Douglas Stoll, Jim Bodurtha, Terry Babcock and Shawn Ringer.

Keith Smith was given the Tenderfoot Award.

Scout Awards went to Steve Tesney, Brian Fogg and Rick Psholka.

Robert Meffen presented the Eagle Awards. The dinner was prepared by Bob Johnson and Dick Bassett. Several mothers supplied the dessert for the event. Table decorations were made by Mrs. Charlotte Bodurtha. A film was shown on scouting at Camp Filmont.

Fuchs On Dean's List

Christopher Fuchs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Fuchs of 16 Alfred Court, has been named to the dean's list at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst.

Chris is a sophomore and has a dual major at the university, mathematics and business administration. He is also a member of a national men's honor society, Phi Eta Sigma, which requires a cumulative average of 3.5 or better.

Women Choose Bicentennial Project

The Agawam Women's Club has chosen the refurbishing of the South Parlor of the Captain Charles Leonard House as its 1975-1976 Bicentennial Project.

The club has created a fund to do the redecorating and will apply for a matching grant from the Massachusetts State Bicentennial Committee.

The room will be redecorated in a more casual decor so that it may be used for small meetings, board meetings and as a gathering place before and after club meetings.

The Agawam Women's Club has been closely linked to the Captain Charles Leonard House throughout the history of the club and such a project is appropriate at this time of the Bicentennial Year and the 50th anniversary of the Agawam Women's Club, a spokesman said.

The club's Bicentennial Committee would welcome donations for the project from present and past club members and any other townspeople interested in this project. Those planning to donate may contact Mrs. Sylvia R. Deliso for further information.

Pierce PTA Card Party

A card party will be held by the Pierce School PTA on Thursday, Feb. 20, at 7:30 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church Hall, Feeding Hills.

Door prizes and refreshments will be given.

Author To Speak At Library

Agawam Libraries will present a second "Meet the Author" night at the Agawam Center Library on Thursday, Feb. 13, at 8 p.m. Guest speaker will be Robert Newton Peck, author of four books published since 1972.

His first book, "A Day No Pigs Would Die", is a sensitive portrayal of Vermont farm life at the turn of the century. Its timeless theme

(the boy becomes the man) and its warmth of understated emotion inspired critical acclaim for this novel filled with the wisdom and gentle humor of Vermont Shaker tradition.

Rousing Story

"Millie's Boy", set in the winter of 1898, is a rousing adventure story dealing with a young man's search for his

missing father. It is a search that takes him far from home and confronts him with a variety of dangers, and an abundance of interesting characters.

His other recently published books include "Soup and Path of Hunters".

Humor — Insight

Robert Newton Peck's books are noted for earthy humor and poignant insight.

Their universal appeal makes them immensely popular with readers of all ages, and each new one is eagerly awaited by his growing number of admirers.

An evening with this author promises to be a lively one, and all interested townspeople are cordially invited to share the pleasure of his company on Feb. 13.

Legislators Urge Administrators To Continue Opposition

Representative Edward W. Connelly and Representative John F. Coffey have urged Town Manager James Westman and the West Springfield Board of Selectmen to cooperate with them in opposing any attempt to change a recent court decision that all towns must adhere to the Constitutional requirement that real property must be assessed at full, fair value.

The two legislators have sent the following letter to the town administrators:

"A recent court decision has decreed that all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth must adhere to the Constitutional requirement whereby real property is assessed at full, fair value.

"For four years we have fought for the implementation of this Constitutional requirement on the part of all cities and towns in order to eliminate

the obvious inequities suffered by those communities which have abided by the law and those communities who have enjoyed fiscal benefit by not complying with the law.

"The reaction to the court decision, has resulted in moves sponsored by the mayors of Boston and other cities to amend the Constitution, and-or declare a moratorium on implementation of the court decision, and-or to alter the factors contained in the present formula used for redistribution of state funds back to the cities and towns.

"In another area an attempt is currently being made to change the school aid formula, conceivably to provide more densely populated (urban) areas eligibility for more aid. We note that formula factors are based on equalized valuation per capita, per pupil and evenby average wealth per capita. So long as any aid

formula factors equalized valuation, inequities will continue to exist between law abiding communities and those not in compliance. No sense of tax reform, in our opinion, can be achieved until all 351 cities and towns start from the legal base.

"As the administrative unit in your community, we urge you to vigorously oppose any attempt to change the Constitutional requirements for full fair

Bicentennial Flag To Be Presented To Town

Edward A. McColgan, executive director of the Massachusetts Bicentennial Committee, will present the national Bicentennial Flag to the town of Agawam on Monday, Feb. 17, at 11 a.m. outside the town hall.

The flag will be raised by the Marine Corps Color Guard, while members of

assessment, to oppose any attempt at moratorium and to oppose any consideration of formula manipulation so long as equalized valuation remains a factor.

"We intend to continue this fight in the Legislature but desperately need your assistance and the assistance of all communities who have complied with the Constitutional requirement and have suffered the fiscal inequity.

the High School band play the National Anthem.

The Agawam Bicentennial Committee, which had applied to the National Committee for the flag, will present a \$25 savings bond to Mrs. Andrea Burton for her design of the official town Bicentennial seal and also a bond to Fran Milliken for his entry of the official theme.

The Agawam Citizen will not publish Thursday, February 20. Happy winter school vacation to all the Agawam Citizen carriers!

Park And Recreation Summer Positions Open

A total of 34 summer positions will be available for the summer at the Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation Department, it was announced today.

Applications are now available to the department office. Applicants must apply in person between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. in the park office.

The positions to be filled are 10 girls and 10 boys for playground leaders, six instructors for arts and crafts, three instructors for tennis and one instructor for baton.

Those who are accepted for these positions will work five days a week, Monday through Friday, beginning Monday, June 30, and ending Friday, August 22, at 12 noon.

Also, two people will be hired for the maintenance division and will work 40 hours a week. These two positions will start on Monday, June 9, and will last for 12 weeks.

It was also announced that a playground director and an arts and crafts director is being sought for the summer.

Any person previously employed in the summer program must file an application in order to be considered again.

The restrictions include the following. All applicants must live in Agawam, be graduating from high school

in June, and, continuing their education. A Water Safety Certificate, YMCA or Red Cross, is desirable but not a necessity.

The 10 playgrounds will operate weekdays for eight weeks at the following locations. They are Shea's Park, Danahy School, Middle School, Phelps School, Meadowbrook Park, Borgatti Park, Clark School, Granger School and Agawam High School. The playground which was located at Pierce School will be moved to the new Brady Village Park.

Tennis instruction will be held daily at Phelps School, Agawam High School and the Shea's Park courts.

Completed applications must be submitted to the Parks and Recreation Office, located behind the Town Hall, at 36 Main St., by April 30.

Applications will also be accepted from men and women who would like to umpire in both the boys baseball and girls softball programs.

As in the past, all town fields will be placed under the control of the Recreation Department for the summer months. All practice sessions and game times must be reserved.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Recreation Office between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at 786-0400, extension 33 or 57.

February Exhibits At Center Library

The Agawam Center Library will present two exhibits during the month of February.

The Charles W. Hull collection of Indian artifacts has been arranged by Mrs. Harold Hutchinson and Mrs. Edith LaFrancis, daughters of Hull.

The majority of these Indian relics were found in the period from 1890 to 1920 by Hull, a former resident of Agawam. Hull was a well known historian of Agawam's past. The library is indeed fortunate to be able to exhibit these relics of this earlier period of Agawam's history during the Bicentennial celebration of America's beginnings, a

spokesman said.

The second exhibit has been arranged by Mrs. Jessie Fuller, chairperson of the Agawam Women's Club Community Improvement Program. The exhibit marks Children's Dental Health Week.

The club has been conducting a dental survey in the elementary schools and will soon present the results to the Agawam School Committee.

Several orientation sessions will be held for children to learn correct dental procedures at the library during the month of February. These dates will be announced.

Women's Club To Meet

The Agawam Women's Club will meet on Monday, Feb. 24, at 8 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House.

All members of the club are urged to attend this meeting as voting on changes in the by-laws of the club will take place.

Mrs. Clifford Pond, chairperson of the by-law revision committee, will explain each change to the members of the club.

The invocation will be given by Mrs. Douglas White and the hospitality committee will be chaired by Mrs. Frank Meyer, Jr.

Dukakis Opposes Ford's Energy Program

Governor Michael Dukakis has warned that President Ford's energy program will have a "devastating effect on the nation's consumers" if it is implemented.

Dukakis, the lead-off witness at hearings held recently by the U.S. Senate Commerce Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, said the average Massachusetts family, for example, would pay an additional \$280 for energy alone under the Ford plan.

But, the governor said, "escalating fuel costs are just one way consumers will be hurt by the Ford proposals."

"The President's program, as submitted, will have a devastating effect on the nation's consumers. It is both inflationary and recessionary. Consumers will be hit with extraordinary price increases, not only in their energy purchases, but in other goods and services. Food prices will rise, and hundreds of consumers will be unable to afford the cost of heating their homes," Gov. Dukakis said.

Citing the "indirect effects" of the Ford energy plan, Dukakis said an additional 15,000 workers in Massachusetts would lose their jobs as a result of the proposed higher tariff on imported oil.

In addition, Dukakis said, Massachusetts taxpayers would bear an added \$16-million burden just to compensate for the state's own higher fuel costs and loss of tax revenues.

Property taxes will also rise as cities and towns pass increased fuel costs onto homeowners, the governor predicted.

Dukakis said the Ford program would not substantially reduce fuel consumption. A plan based on price increases assumes that much of the demand for oil is discretionary, that people can use less. We in New England cut back on our use of oil after the OPEC nations raised their prices. We are at our limit now. Further price increases will only serve to ruin our economy," the governor said.

Contending that gasoline consumption lies at the heart of the energy problem, Dukakis suggested that "some form of gasoline rationing or allocation is needed."

"I think the American people will accept that concept if necessary," Dukakis said. "In any case, the effort should be directed at gasoline, in particular, rather than all types of oil products. Why penalize a homeowner for the wasteful habits of the automobile driver?" he added.

Dukakis said he found the President's opposition to rationing puzzling since "in reality he himself suggested a rationing plan — a plan which rations according to an individual's ability to pay."

"Very simply," Dukakis said, "the Ford plan will cut back on energy consumption by pricing it beyond the reach of thousands of Americans. The rich will get the oil they need, the poor will not."

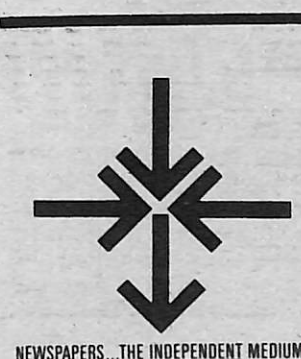
Residents Named To AIC Dean's List

Over 200 undergraduates at American International College (AIC) have completed their first semester as Dean's List students, according to Dr. John F. Mitchell, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty.

According to Milton Birnbaum, dean of the school of arts and sciences, the honor students from that school are: Alfred P. Divis of 78 North St., Michael J. DiPietro of 47 Bridge St., Cynthia J. Enderly of 596 Suffield St., Robert C. Gagnon of 127 Lealand Ave., Yuji Nakamori of 39 Center St., and Joseph Ruemer of 15 Beekman Pl., all of Agawam. Students from Feeding Hills are Joseph Benerakis of 599 Shoemaker Lane, Susan M. Seddon of 33 Norman Terr., and Mark Tease of 598 Springfield St.

Attaining dean's list honors in the school of business administration are

Ted Oliver of 70 Lealand Ave. and Alphonse Morassi of 550 Cooper St., both of Agawam, and Kenneth E. Bowden of 782 Southwest St., Feeding Hills.



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W. Mass. Bridge Assoc. To Sponsor Theatre Party For American Cancer Society

The Western Massachusetts Bridge Association, Unit 196, of the American Contract Bridge League, will sponsor a dinner theatre party on Thursday evening March 20, at 6:30 p.m. for the benefit of the American Cancer Society.

The evening will feature a buffet followed by the play "Applause" starring Dorothy Collins.

Sponsor tickets are two seats for \$100, patron tickets are two seats at \$50, and general admission is \$10.95 per person. Sponsors and patrons will have ringside seats.

Overall co-ordinators for this event are Mrs. James Michelman and Mrs. William Lenville of Springfield, area chairmen are Mrs. Elinu Schepps of Holyoke and Mrs. William Sadowsky of Longmeadow.

To purchase tickets you may contact the American Cancer Society or Mrs. Michelman or Mrs. Schepps.

"Trump Out Cancer" is this year's theme of the American Contract Bridge League Charity Foundation. This is the second consecutive year the A.C.B.D. has selected the American Cancer Society as its beneficiary and hopes to donate more than \$150,000. In addition to this the Western Mass. Bridge Association, Unit 196 of the A.C.B.L., holds two charity functions of its own with the proceeds also going to the American Cancer Society. On Sunday afternoon, Feb. 23, there will be a duplicate bridge game at the Highpoint Motor Inn in Chicopee and on Saturday Evening, May 10, another duplicate bridge game will be held in Holyoke at St. Paul's Church. All bridge players are welcome.

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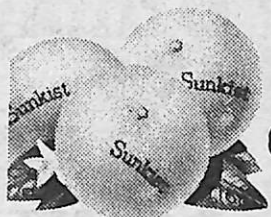
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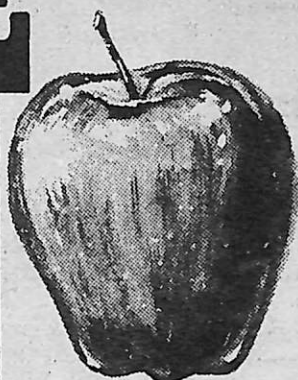
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# Girls Hoop Enjoying Successful Winter

Under the guidance of first year Coach Carol Capitani, the girls basketball program has finally reached a respectable level after three consecutive winters as cellar dwellers in the Valley Wheel.

"I definitely am pleased with how hard the girls have worked," noted Capitani. "We don't have a winning record but it still is a successful season."

The Brownies 4-10 record may appear unimpressive, but it's a considerable improvement over last year's hapless 1-9 mark. The girls currently hold fourth place in the league, and with two games remaining, a 6-11 finale certainly seems likely.

Keys to Agawam's 1974-75 roundabout lies in their swarming defensive play

combined with the scoring of senior forward Jane Benerakis who missed her entire junior campaign and the first 4 contests this season due to knee problems, has tossed double figures for the Brownies consistently since her return.

"There's no question about it, Jane makes us go," Capitani said. Benerakis has a number of 17 point performances to her credit, however the problem has been the bulk of the scoring falls on her shoulders. In the long run that stands out as Agawam's major drawback.

"We play good defensively and hold our own on the boards," Capitani said. "But our scoring has been very inconsistent." Junior for-

wards and twin sisters Leslie and Laurie Clark at times have taken up the point slack but not to the extent where Benerakis may have an off night and Agawam can still win.

"We just don't have the shooting," Capitani sighed. "And we've lost at least 4 games at the foul line. During one stretch this season the girls connected on only 8 of 45 charity attempts which cost them ball games to league leader Minnechaug and third place South Hadley. "We still haven't been able to work together as a unit offensively," Capitani remarked.

Capitani had high praise for her hustling junior backcourt tandem of Judy Bozek and Celeste Gallucci. "They

both can handle the ball very well," she related. "Even though we don't get too much scoring from them they steal and run our zone press," added the Brownie mentor.

Others meriting Capitani's praise are senior centers Marie Dufault and Leslie Smith. Both have given the Brownies ample support in the rebounding department coming off the bench.

With Benerakis being Capitani's lone starter missing once the 1975-76 season gets underway next December, Agawam's veteran club possibly could pose a league title threat. "We have to develop our shooting and fast break," Capitani summarized. "When we do then we can start thinking big."

S P O I

with Ric S.

## Free Swim Instruction At Park & Rec.

Free swim instruction for children between the ages of four and six is being offered by the Agawam Parks and Recreation Department.

Classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 6:50 at the Agawam Junior High School Pool beginning Tuesday, Feb. 18.

One parent must be with

the child in the water during the class session. A maximum of 20 students will be accepted on a first-come first-serve basis.

Pre-registration is required at the Park Office and may be done by calling 786-0400, extension 33 or 57.

This six week program will end on Thursday, March 27.

# Quinn Bags No. 1000 In Longmeadow

At exactly 4:40 in the opening quarter of play against Longmeadow Feb. 4 Agawam's Tommy Quinn became only the second Brownie in history to net 1000 points.

Quinn's milestone climaxed a three game chase to break the barrier. By the way, Longmeadow took a thrilling 80-74 victory to just about seal their league title.

After Quinn went 0-2 from the floor in the early going (and the fans seemed more nervous than Quinn), the Brownie whiz finally found an opening through the middle but was fouled on his drive to the hoop.

With the butterflies stirring in fans and Quinn's stomachs alike, Tom missed his first shot but canned the second as the gym went wild.

In a brief ceremony Agawam High Athletic Director Cliff Kibbe presented Quinn the game ball. Tom received a standing ovation from a very appreciative gathering. Now back to the ballgame.

Longmeadow's all league candidate Phil Mackler broke open an exciting 61-58 struggle midway through the final period. Mackler put on a sizzling one man show which put the clamp on the Lancers verdict. Mackler's exhibition gave him 27 points

for the evening offsetting an equally superb 27 point affair by the Brownies Karl Ekstedt.

During his four minute spree Mackler muscled for two lay-ups, stole an errant pass for a breakaway hoop, drilled a pair of four shots, then a second theft set up Wally Folkins for two more. By the time Mackler settled down Longmeadow had raced into a 73-64 margin.

"It was just an excellent game all the way," commented Brownie Coach Wayne Morse. "The team who made the fewer mistakes won."

After Quinn's record breaker midway in the

initial 8 minutes, things suddenly heated up. Longmeadow rattled off six in a row to take a 9-7 margin. The Brownies countered with a 8-2 spurt lifting them into a 15-11 advantage at the buzzer.

Behind Ekstedt's 10 point second period and tough rebounding by Jeff Carmody and Ralph Meyers, the visitors built a 36-28 cushion 30 seconds before intermission.

The Lancers fine senior forward Mike Fowler then hit a clutch 3 point play 2 seconds before time elapsed cutting the Brownies deficit to 5.

Longmeadow came out in

a diamond-and-one in the final 16 minutes in an attempt to nullify Tommy Quinn. Quinn collected 13 first half points but was held to a pair of field goals in the final half. The Lancers looked to their inside trek in period three and quickly forged ahead.

A couple of costly Brownie turnovers and two quick three pointers by Longmeadow's John Reardon and Mackler vaulted the home boys to a 53-48 bulge. Ekstedt connected on a jumper at the third quarter's horn ending the wild 8 minutes with Longmeadow on top 57-52. "The kids played well

enough to win," Morse said. "Everybody played a good game."

Ekstedt's 27 points led an array of excellent Brownie efforts. Quinn clicked for 17 points while junior Mark Winnie hit for 12, Jeff Carmody 10 and Ralph Meyers 8.

"Greg Fuchs also did an excellent job for us on defense," Morse said. "I was proud of the way we played."

The Brownies made shredded wheat of South Hadley last Friday following their loss to Longmeadow. The win upped their record to 7-9 in Division I overall.

## W.N.E.C.A. Sponsors Candlepin Tournament

The Western New England Candlepin Association's 29th Annual Handicap Tournament will begin Feb. 15 and continue through March 7.

This year's 21 day schedule has competition

slated in all events including men's teams, singles and doubles and women's teams, singles, doubles and mixed doubles.

Leading off on Feb. 15 and concluding Feb. 21 will be men's teams at French King

Bowling Center in Millers Falls.

All competition in women's events will be held during those same dates at Riverside Park Bowling Center in Agawam.

The tourney will continue

Feb. 22 through the 28th with Westfield Bowling Center holding the men's singles division while the Men's doubles will be rolled at Agawam Bowl in Agawam.

The final event will be mixed doubles at Canal

Lanes in Southampton starting on March 1 and wrapping up on March 7.

The tournament is open to all members of organized leagues in Western New England Candlepin Association bowling centers. Prize money this year is estimated at \$5000. With "all-events" trophies being awarded to bowlers with the highest combined scores rolled in each division.

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Tommy Quinn is encouraged by teammates following a Lancer timeout. From left to right are Jeff Carmody, Greg Fuchs, Karl Ekstedt, Coach Wayne Morse, Quinn and Mark Winne. Longmeadow Lancers downed Agawam Brownies 80-74.

## Skiers Down Amherst

Varsity Skiers bested Amherst by two seconds to gain their first victory of the season in a tri-meet held at Mt. Tom in Holyoke.

The Brownies time of 112.0 enabled them to hold off the rallying Hurricane's 114.0 clocking. Cathedral easily victored in the three team race with a 1 minute timing to outdistance Agawam by 8 seconds. Junior Brownie Captain Tom Cirillo checked in with his finest performance to date.

Agawam's decision over Amherst moved their seasonal record to 1-5 with a little over two weeks remaining in the winter season.

NOTE — Congratulations to Ski Coach Richard Joseph for his first born child, a baby girl. It was reported to the Citizen by a reliable source that the baby already wants to go skiing with Dad.

## SPORTS

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## Sixth Loss In A Row

## Pacers, Panthers Sting Brownies

Cathedral and Chicopee, two clubs at the top and bottom of the Berry Division heap dealt Agawam their fifth and sixth consecutive beatings by 3-2, and 4-2 margins last week.

## Game Winner

The Brownies just coming off a 13-2 loss to West Side saw Chicopee's Kevin Maroney snap a 2-2 tie with only 25 seconds showing on the clock. The loss pushed the Brownies into last place. "I said specifically let's play defense," offered Brownie Coach Russ Ramah. "We took a chance and lost it."

Trailing 2-0 after 30 minutes of action, Billy Wysocki and junior Mark Faucette spurred Agawam to knot things at 2 apiece. Maroney's drive at the 14:45 point was a little too hot for Brownie netminder Rollee Denencourt to handle. For the Pacers it marked their first decision over Agawam this season.

Both Denencourt and Chicopee's All Western Mass. candidate Al Turgeon performed well in the nets. Denencourt stopped 29 shots while Turgeon thwarted 31 Brownie drives.

## Sapelli Hits Early

Over at the Eastern States Coliseum Feb. 8 powerful Cathedral found themselves down by an early 1-0 count following John Sapelli's

ninth tally of the season. Senior Randy Economidy set up the play with a perfect feed out front. Sapelli's quick wrist shot cleanly beat Panther net-minder Bob Dufrense.

Cathedral came right back just a minute later, then quickly zoomed out front with 3 tallies past Agawam goalie Rick Mastroianni. "Rick had a good game," Ramah observed. "Cathedral has just been putting it together all year long."

Play throughout was fast and for the most part rugged. The Brownies had a number of sterling opportunities to score but had problems finding the handle at an open cage. "We just couldn't put the puck in the net," Ramah said. "Their goalie made a couple of good saves."

## Round Three Underway

The Cathedral contest marked the opening of the final round for the Brownies. Cathedral has swept the 3 game series with Agawam by 6-3, 5-0, and 4-1 cushions.

Agawam has already completed a bout with another league stronghold in Classical Feb. 10. Next Brownie contest is on Saturday, Feb. 15 against Tech. Agawam's record as of Feb. 9 has faltered to 3-11-1.

## "Quinn And Provost Very Similar" . . . Kibbe

"Tommy Quinn and Sammy Provost are very similar ballplayers," remarked Athletic Director Cliff Kibbe who coached both of Agawam's 1000 point backcourt aces during his years at the Brownie helm. "Both of them were also different," he added.

Provost by many has been called the greatest Brownie guard of all time, if not the finest Agawam performer ever. During his stay at Agawam High School Provost excited fans with a total of 1,276 career points. "Sammy was a pure shooter," Kibbe related. "Tommy is the quicker of the two."

Quinn's 1000th point in Longmeadow 10 days ago easily rates as the most outstanding feat by a Brownie performer in any sport since Provost's milestone in 1966. "That's just a remarkable feat," added Coach Wayne Morse who took over for Kibbe this season. "Tom is just a great athlete."

Besides coaching Provost during his years in the Agawam head position Kibbe also had such outstanding players like Paul Veronesi, Louie Conte and the recently graduated Steve Byrne, passing through his ranks. "Tom rates as one of the best," remarked Kibbe.

The question sticking in most people's minds following Quinn's entrance into the elite 1000 point gallery is can he catch Provost's all time mark?

The sharpshooting Quinn would need a 37.0 per game average immediately after the Lancer contest Feb. 4, a tall order even for Quinn. Tom probably will finish with around 1,175 total points for a 25.0 average in the remaining games.

"I really hope Tommy will make All Western Mass.," Kibbe said. "If it doesn't it will be an injustice." "I can't see anyway he can miss," observed Morse.

When it does come time for the All Western Mass. balloting Tommy Quinn's name should be at the top of the list. "If it doesn't appear somebody certainly has been sleeping throughout the 1974-75 schoolboy season."

## Blue Devil Swimmers Edge Brownies

Northampton swimmers gained revenge for an earlier season beating with Agawam by dropping the Brownies 85-77 Feb. 4 up in Northampton.

As anticipated, the meet went right down to the final free style event. Northampton led at that point 77-73 and the Brownies badly needed a first in the relay to win the meet. However Blue Devil flippers had other ideas as the home crew capped to honors by a handy 8 second margin.

## Brownies Disqualified

"It became a situation of who would win the last event," explained Brownie Coach Dave Smith. "They got the first and that was it for us." Smith's best relay

quartet of Bobby Johnson, Danny Williams, Ray Carestia, and anchorman Dave Theodorowicz found themselves disqualified due to a false start by Theodorowicz in the last leg.

"I just jumped the gun by a split second," Smith said. Northampton, which entered the meet winless, boasts a couple of Western Mass. most talented individuals, which forced Smith into a different strategy. "What we tried to do was to fill all events with three people," Smith said. "We hoped we could take some seconds to break their firsts. It just missed."

Blue Devil swimmers captured first in every event but one, then came through

with just enough seconds to seal their verdict. "Our times weren't exceptionally that good," pointed out Smith. "We've had far better days."

## Sole First

The Brownies sole first place came in diving where senior Frank Ball led an Agawam sweep. Pete McLaughlin and Mark Gainer followed Ball's solid effort with two, three respectively. "For Steve it was the first time we entered him officially in diving and he did fairly well," related Smith.

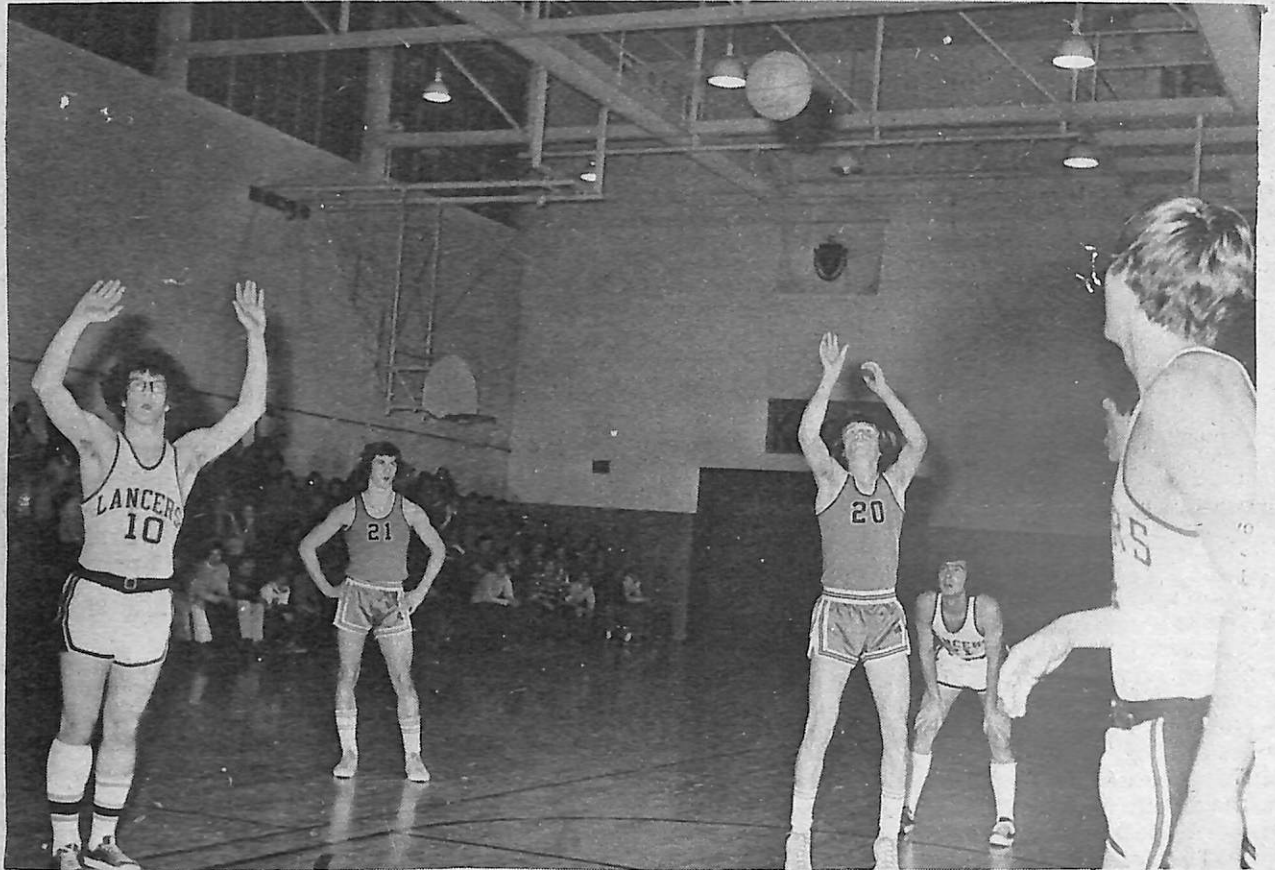
Agawam grasped a total of six second spots in the remaining events. One more would have given Smith's charges the meet.

Dave Theodorowicz (50 yard free), Don Smith (100 fly), Bobby Gardner (500 yard free), Pete McLaughlin (100 back stroke), Dave Massico (100 breast) and the Brownies' number 2 free relay crew rounded out the visiting squad's points. Sophomore Jimmy Gallerani checked in with a third while senior Eric Brown also notched a pair of third positions (100 fly, 100 back).

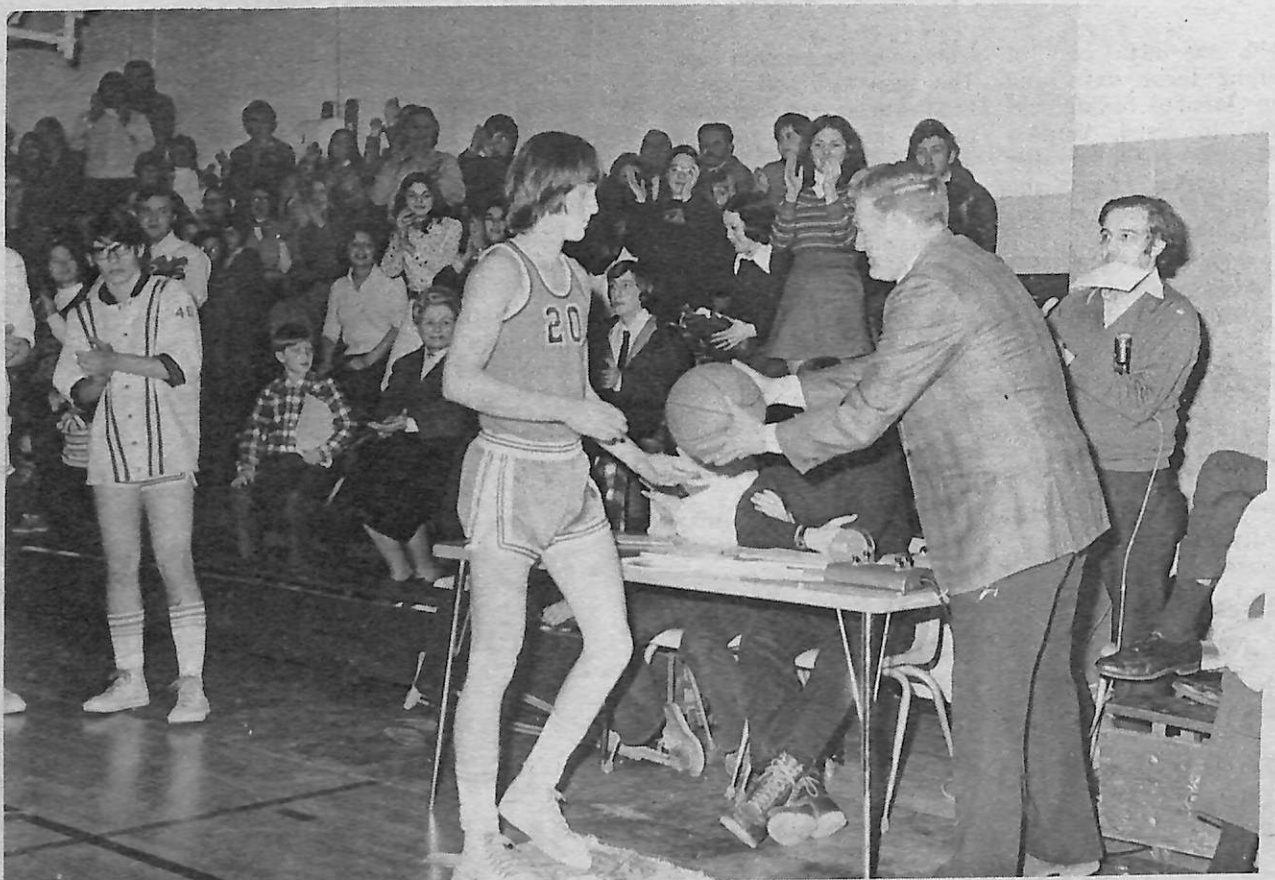
## 1-12 Record

Agawam's record has fallen to 1-12 overall and 1-9 in Division C. The Brownies completed their water campaign Feb. 10 against Amherst in a home encounter.

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Here it is! Agawam's Tommy Quinn tosses up his 1000th career point during first period action against Longmeadow on Feb. 4. Quinn missed his first foul shot but made good on his second attempt. Photo by Bill Keogh.



Athletic Director Cliff Kibbe presented Tommy Quinn the game ball immediately after the athlete broke the 1000-point milestone in the Longmeadow-Brownie game recently. Photo by Bill Keogh.



Dr. Matthew E. Zaret, professor of electrical engineering at Western New England College (WNEC), tests equipment to monitor the effects of sound using anechoic chamber. The chamber, located in the electrical engineering laboratories at WNEC, provides complete accoustical isolation for making precision microphone and loud speaker measurements. It is part of the equipment to be used for demonstrations in a WNEC non-credit evening course on environmental noise and vibration control beginning Feb. 17. The course, which is designed for plant managers, safety engineers and other professionals dealing with the effects of industrial noise and vibration, aims to identify the sources of noise pollution and to examine methods available for their control.

## Jr. Women's Club News

The monthly meeting of the Agawam Junior Women's Club will be held Tuesday, Feb. 18, at Captain Charles Leonard House.

The husbands are cordially invited to attend this meeting which is the annual international affairs supper. The dinner will begin at 6:45 p.m. followed by a brief business meeting.

James Trelease of the Springfield Daily News will be the guest speaker for the evening. The hostess will be Mrs. Diane Guthrie.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club will hold their annual dinner dance on Saturday, March 8, at Storowtown Tavern.

Cocktails will be served at 7 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. Music will be provided by the Enchantments.

Tickets are now available and club members are encouraged to invite guests. Reservations should be made with the social chairman, Mrs. Alexis Ferioli, 1072 N. West St., Feeding Hills, no later than March 1.

## Trading Post At Baptist Church To Hold Special Sale

With the high cost of clothing these days and many families having less money to spend, bargain hunting takes on a new look at the Trading Post of the Agawam Baptist Church, Main and Elm Sts.

Here the economy minded buy good used clothing for the whole family at a

fraction of the original cost. The shop also sells small houseware, toys, paperbacks, skates and costume jewelry.

A further reduction of 20 per cent off the already low prices will be offered at a sale to be held on Wednesday, Feb. 19, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## SPAN To Recruit Community Volunteers

SPAN Center, the community counseling and resource center, is recruiting community volunteers for its helpline and other programs.

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The General Education Diploma Program also needs tutors. SPAN volunteers also aid the new teen center, The End of the Line.

SPAN provides a solid 25 hours training program for

its volunteers. Counseling attitudes and techniques, drug, sexual information, self-awareness experiences are the prime subjects covered in our training program.

The training program is scheduled to start Tuesday night, Feb. 18, at SPAN.

Agawam people are especially needed as volunteers. The qualifications needed are warmth, sincerity, and a desire to help oneself while helping others. Call SPAN Center, 770 Springfield St., Feeding Hills (786-6410) for further information.

## Couple To Couple League Meets Feb. 19

Students and couples are invited to attend the Couple to Couple League's first of four monthly meetings beginning Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Center, 840 Page Blvd., East Springfield.

John F. Kippley, lay theologian and author from Cincinnati, Ohio, will be the instructor for the first series which will be related

to the sympto-thermal method of natural family planning.

Kippley will also appear on TV-22's Chalice of Salvation on Sunday, Feb. 23, at 10:30 a.m.

Further information regarding the meeting and registration may be obtained from Mrs. James Fournier at 786-2290.

## O'Neill Gives Top Priority To Human Services Programs

Lt. Governor Tom O'Neill said that Human Services programs will be a "top priority" for federally funded public service jobs.

O'Neill announced the tentative allocation of 590 jobs for Human Services programs including: protective services for battered and neglected children, lead paint poisoning prevention, community mental health services, and job placement and after-care services for handicapped individuals.

"Because of pressing budgetary restrictions and the need of people in this state for quality social services, Human Services programs have been made a top priority in the assignment of new public service positions," O'Neill said. O'Neill noted that hiring had been moved forward one week from the original schedule to Jan. 30 and would be completed by Feb. 14.

Fifty positions are being assigned to the Protective Service and Inflicted Injury units of the Welfare Dept., both of which have recently blamed understaffing for their inability to handle some 160 cases.

O'Neill said that 81 jobs have been assigned to regional quality control task forces to work with welfare inspectors in meeting a federal goal of three per cent ineligibility, with a \$10 million penalty for non-compliance.

Untended welfare caseloads, which have risen proportionately to increased demands for AFDC and General Relief, will be reduced by the assignment of 133 jobs to that area. O'Neill also said 11 jobs have been assigned to the Lead Paint Poisoning Prevention Program to assist with medical screening and treatment of lead paint poisoning victims.

Also: — 89 jobs to the Dept. of Mental Health, primarily for outreach programs, day hospitals and halfway houses.

— 46 positions for the job placement efforts of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission, which helps handicapped people make "the transition from sheltered workshops to employment and community living."

— 25 positions to the Dept. of Public Health's Institute of Laboratories for viral and hypertension programs.

And: Office for Children, 13; Dept. of Youth Services, 7; Dept. of Corrections, 22; Parole Board, 9; Veteran's Services, 4; Soldiers' Home of Chelsea, 4; Rate Setting Commission, 3; Office of Comprehensive Health Planning, 6; Executive Office of Human Services, 4; Hospital Revenue Program, 5; Medicaid Program, 48; Food Stamp Program, 25; and Welfare Dept. Central office staff, 5.

O'Neill praised the work of Human Services and Office of Manpower Affairs Secretaries Lucy Benson and Howard Smith, and congratulated them and their staffs for their work in "completing the job development task in only three weeks."

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